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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Class 5

Welcome back after the Easter holiday. This letter is to let you know what we will be doing in class over the next few weeks leading up to the end of the year and how you can help your child.

Our main theme to the summer term will be 'Class 5 investigates the Ancient Greeks and why they are still important to us today': we will be investigating all the ideas that are important to us now, that have their origins in the Ancient Greek civilisation. This will include written language, mathematics, scientific ideas, democracy, architecture, theatre and the Olympic Games. Studying these ideas will be one of our afternoon topic areas; however there will also be strong cross curricular links. For example, in maths we will be looking at ideas relating to both number and shape, which originated with Greek mathematicians.

In English we will be studying Greek myths and legends, including writing our own, and this will have links with the end of year Class 5 performance.

In Science we will be studying mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears and looking at how a small force can be used with a mechanism to have a greater effect. In addition to this we will be carrying out investigations into the forces of water resistance, air resistance and friction. Hopefully we will have a 'Eureka' moment when we study water resistance!

Our design topic will link with our science work as we will be making our own cam toys and it will also link with our Greek work because the toy will have a myths and legends theme.

We will continue to study Hinduism in RE.

The children will continue to have spellings each week, given out on a Monday and tested on Friday (it is important that spellings are learned to help with reading and writing) and usually a piece of maths homework which is given out on a Friday and expected back by the following Thursday, at the latest.

It is still extremely important that you continue to read and share books with your child, whether they are reading independently or particularly if they are struggling to read. It is also vital that your child learn their tables to 12 x 12 including knowing the division facts - this will help them to multiply numbers quickly, divide numbers quickly, spot number patterns, work out fractions of numbers, find percentages, work out areas of shapes etc. There are 19 out of the 27 children in Class 5 who have achieved all their tables' targets and it is noticeable in their maths work. Please also make sure that your child is able to read the time on analogue and digital clocks.

Of course we have the SATs tests for year 6 during this term; exciting residential weeks and we will hopefully be supporting the FODs summer fayre by making Greek themed games to play and crafts to sell in enterprise week.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.

Yours faithfully

Miss Lorna Burrow (Class 5 teacher)